

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

SPECIAL SESSION OF COUNCIL

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2012

President Fraim called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with the following members present, Mr. Burfoot, Mr. Protogyrou, Mr. Smigiel, Dr. Whibley, Ms. Williams and Mr. Winn. Mr. Riddick was absent

He thereupon called for the first item of business.

The City Manager introduced School Board Chairman, Kirk Houston, School Superintendent, Dr. Samuel King and Police Chief, Michael Goldsmith.

Dr. Houston introduced Dr. King to Council followed by remarks from Dr. King as follows:

- He came in with a 90 day plan that includes a retreat for the school board.
- He also has seven priorities for the school system and will prepare a 5 year Strategic Plan that includes community forums to obtain public input.
- The priorities are: 1) ensure full accreditation; 2) close achievement gap; 3) improve climate, safety and attendance; 4) become a board of distinction; 5) prompt Norfolk Public Schools to reflect outstanding accomplishment of teachers and students; 6) developing and coordinating a capital improvement plan; and 7) attract and retain strong academic faculty.

Chief Goldsmith offered the following remarks:

- He noted the community policy concept began with PACE but it became difficult to sustain and the program was further impacted by the 9/11 terrorist attack.
- The PACE effort was changed with appointment of Community Resource Offices and they have been integrated with the Neighbors Building Neighborhoods initiative with positive results.
- The CROs are working with field operations.

- NPD is participating in a Youth Intervention Program with the International Association of Police Chiefs that will enable officers to access youth serving agencies to assist young people before they get involved with the juvenile justice system.
- He intends to make NPD a department people want to work for and have a career with.

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD PERFORMANCE CONTRACT

Sarah Paige-Fuller, Acting Director of NCSB, reported as follows:

- The contract is between the State and localities outlining financial and service responsibilities of each.
- The contract is monitored and requires reports.
- This year's budget is \$25,986,097 with the contract budget at \$21,839,224. There is a local funding match of 23.13% - over the 10% requirement.
- The City has requested the CSB address veterans, suicide prevention in schools, PTSD training for first responders and community providers.
- CSB proposes to meet with Council in November.

The City Manager previewed a video on bullying produced by Bryce, Terrell, Anil, and Chris, a Public Service Announcement that will be shown in the schools.

COUNCIL INTERESTS

1. Councilman Protogyrou noted he has provided the Council a memo regarding the Regional jail and upcoming related budget issues.
2. Councilman Winn a) expressed concern with a spike in the amounts of tax refunds at Council level and asked the Manager to provide an average over the last five years and b) inquired about the schedule to report on the shared services initiative, suggesting a quarterly or semi-annual report to Council.
3. Councilwoman Whibley asked for preliminary information in preparation for the Council retreat, i.e. agendas, presentations, etcetera.
4. Vice Mayor Burfoot a) commented on the need for the city to keep their own common areas mowed and policed, as well as vacant lots and right-of-ways, noting that the grass is very high on the lot at the corner of Wilson and Indian River Roads and b) urged the Manager to hire a permanent Economic Development Director.

5. Councilwoman Williams asked that NRHA be directed to proceed with the grant application for the St. Paul's Quadrant.
6. Councilman Smigiel a) Commended Public Works, Recreation, Parks and Open Space and Economic Development for their dedication and performance and b) noted the matter of removal of the eagle's nests and suggested the airport take a step back and look at other options, noting his letter to Council.

STANHOPE HOUSE

Anne O'Dell, Assistant City Manager, reported as follows:

- A partnership with the Chesterfield Heights Civic League, Second Chances and the City to convert this former boy's home into a modern facility.
- It will be home of the Chesterfield Heights Community Center on the ground floor, and home to Second Chances, a transitional home for 12 non-violent, ex-offender women.

BIKES ON SIDEWALKS

Anne O'Dell, Assistant City Manager reported as follows:

- This proposal comes from a staff committee and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails Commission.
- If adopted, the Ordinance would make bike registration optional and permit riding bikes on sidewalks not heavily used by pedestrians.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion for closed session was approved for purpose which are set out in Clauses 1 and 7 of subsection (A) of Section 2.2-3711 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, as amended:

(1) Discussion of candidates for appointments to city boards, commission and authorities.

(7) Consultation with legal counsel pertaining to the action to recover monies paid to Jill McGlone.

Yes: Burfoot, Protogyrou, Smigiel, Williams, Whibley, Winn and Frain.

No: None.